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Granular Matter was launched 10 years ago and we can look back to a very successful first decade. We have achieved our main goal of making a bridge between physics and engineering, with about one half of our papers coming from each discipline. Areas in which we had particularly high visibility were, among others, dissipative granular gases, Discrete Element Modeling, mixing and segregation, constitutive continuum modeling, cohesive materials and vibrated or sheared systems. In fact, the field has evolved tremendously since the founding of the journal and we are proud that Granular Matter has played a key role in this evolution.

We have published almost 300 papers and recently significantly increased the number of pages per year. Also, last year saw a dramatic rise in the number of downloads. We have continuously sought high standards of refereeing and there is currently a rejection rate of about 40%.

We expect that the broad area of granular research will continue to be an exciting and growing field. Topics of considerable interest for the future might include nanoparticles, electrostatic charging, the influence of jamming on rheology, and particles with complex shapes or interactions. We remain committed to our goal of bringing together scientists from a broad spectrum of communities as originally stated in the Aims and Scopes of the journal and we look forward to many more decades of rendering valuable service to the granular community.

As a tenth year anniversary gift, we offer open access to the journal from mid-August to September, 2008 via:
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